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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Thomas David Starkey  
Serial No.: Concurrent Herewith  
Filed: July 15, 2003  
For: A Device And Method To Limit Filling Of The Heart  
Group No. Not yet Assigned  
Attorney's Docket No. N9464-ICW  
Customer No. 23456

**STATUS REQUEST**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant filed this application on July 15, 2003. A preliminary amendment was filed March 22, 2004. In order to make sure that nothing falls through the cracks, Applicant merely respectfully requests a report on the status of this matter.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in connection with this Information Disclosure Statement to Deposit Account No. 23-0035.

Respectfully submitted,

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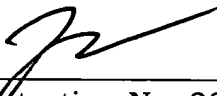


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